

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: STATE – AUGUST 2002

BILL	TITLE	SUBJECT	AUTHOR	STATUS	PROPOSED LoC BOARD ACTION	CLA POSITION	LoC BOARD POSITION
Budget	Public Library Foundation	Governor's Revised Budget proposes reduction for the Public Library Foundation, from the 2001-02 level of \$53.0 million to \$30 million. Legislative version now requests \$31.532 million				Support full funding	Support full funding
Budget	California Public School Library Act	Support the preservation of the CPSLA and the budgetary line item that supports it. Preserves funding for school library materials and opposes the deletion of the line item and the merger of library funds with text book funds.		Line item remains in budget.			Support the CPSLA and the budget line item.
Budget	Library of California	Governor's May Budget Revision proposes a reduction of 75% in LoC local assistance, reducing the amount available from \$3.39 million to \$990,000.					Support restoration of the LoC budget
Budget	CLSA	Governor's May Budget Revision proposes a reduction of \$610,000 in CLSA local assistance. This is a 3% reduction from current level of approx. \$21 million.					Support restoration of the CLSA budget
California Teleconnect Fund	Universal Services and California Teleconnect Fund	Consideration of public libraries as Universal Service access points for Internet access and modification or expansion of the California Teleconnect Fund to fund Universal Service access in public libraries.		CPUC will create a CTF Advisory Board with a member from the public library community.			Support expansion of CTF in support of libraries

AB 2730	Public libraries: resources for youths	<p>This bill would establish the Youth Mentoring and Safe Communities Grant Program and would require the State Librarian to award grants on a competitive basis to qualified public libraries, as specified, for the purposes of implementing the program in the public libraries. The bill would require an independent entity to evaluate the effectiveness of the program and would require the State Librarian to submit the results of the evaluation to the Governor and specified committees of the Legislature by January 1, 2004.</p> <p>This bill would require the State Librarian to implement the program only to the extent that funds are appropriated for this purpose.</p>	Washington	<p>07/01/2002 LAST HIST. ACTION: In committee: Hearing postponed by committee. COMM. LOCATION: SEN EDUCATION HEARING DATE: 08/07/2002</p>			The Board supports AB 2730
SCA 10	Public library facilities: bonds: vote requirement.	<p>The California Constitution authorizes a school district, community college district, or county office of education to pursue authorization and issuance of general obligation bonds for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, upon the approval of 55% of the voters of the district or county, if specified accountability requirements are met.</p> <p>This bill would additionally</p>	Speier	<p>06/10/2002 LAST HIST. ACTION : Placed on inactive file on request of Senator Speier. FILE: SEN INACTIVE FILE - SENATE BILLS</p>		Support	Support

		<p>authorize a public library to pursue authorization and issuance of general obligation bonds for those purposes in relation to library facilities upon the approval of 55% of the voters if those accountability requirements are met.</p> <p>The California Constitution provides that the maximum amount of any ad valorem tax on real property shall not exceed 1% of the full cash value of the property, except that taxes may exceed this limit to pay for, among other things, the school facility bonds described above. This bill would also provide that the library facility bonds may exceed that 1% tax limitation.</p>					
AB 2648	Law Libraries.	<p>Law libraries. Existing law provides for a board of law library trustees in each county in the state to govern the law library in that county. Existing law requires a county board of supervisors to provide sufficient quarters for the use of the law library, upon request by the board of law library trustees. This bill would specify that the county may review any claims, expenses, or requests for reimbursement received for the costs and maintenance of facilities in order to determine whether the costs are necessary, as specified.</p> <p>(b) The county may review any claims, expenses, or requests for reimbursement received for the</p>	Wyland	<p>From: Mark Linneman, Witkin Law Library, California State Library 07/30/02. "It appears the revised AB 2648, now restricted to San Diego County, may be voted on in the Senate the week of 6 August. Opposition is building: San Diego County Public Law</p>			

		costs and maintenance of facilities in order to determine whether the costs in question are necessary in order for the county to meet its obligations under the statute. If the county reduces or denies a claim, expense, or reimbursement, the board of trustees may file a formal protest and shall be entitled to have the protest considered before the board of supervisors.		Library as well as other County Law Libraries/ Law Library Associations are opposed and very worried that this increased control will later be extended elsewhere. Of course, the lack of a budget solution may further delay a vote on AB 2648 beyond next week.”			
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